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1. At a recent meeting of certain Communist leaders, Carlos Arturo Aguirre, Secretary of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC) and member of the Central Executive Committee of the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC), spoke of a major problem facing the CTC. Several weeks ago the Minister of Labor advised Victor Julio Silva, President of the CTC, that the Government felt the CTC had violated a fundamental Colombian labor principle in issuing and publishing an anti-Government declaration following the VI General Assembly of the CTC. This declaration was subversive and definitely political. It was a violation of the provision prohibiting political activity by labor organizations. The Minister stated that no steps had been taken during the state of siege because of the desire of the Government to avoid any conflict with the Directorate of the CTC which might have led to dissolution of the Directorate by military authorities.
2. This warning has placed the present CTC Directorate at a distinct disadvantage, and it indicates the intention of the Government to effect the removal of the Communist members from the Directorate at the forthcoming VII General Plenum of the CTC. In view of this situation, Communist members of the CTC are endeavoring to secure the nomination of CTC members who, although not members of the Party, are sympathetic to the ideals of the Party. These individuals would make suitable replacements in the event the Communist members are not re-elected.

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